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SUBJ: RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. BDG ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF 285 POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN INDEPENDENCE DAY GESTURE, MARCH 26. ACCORDING TO THE
STATEMENT 3113 HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN AN UNSPECIFIED
PERIOD, BUT PRESUMABLY SINCE THE NOVEMBER ACTION WHICH
MADE ZIA CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR.

2. ONLY ONE PRISONER OF NOTE WAS INCLUDED AMONG THEM,
K.M. OBAIDUR RAHMAN, A FORMER MINISTER OF STATE AND A
LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE. OBAIDUR RAHMAN WAS AMONG
THOSE PICKED UP IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR IN A SWOOP WHICH ALSO
NETTED DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE CHAIRMAN MUSHTAQUE AHMAD. HE
IS THE SECOND TO BE RELEASED FROM AMONG THIS GROUP, THE
FIRST BEING MOINUL HOSSAIN OF THE ITTEFAQ NEWSPAPER FAMILY.

3. ALSO RELEASED AS A RESULT OF AN APPLICATION TO
COURT WAS FORMER AWAMI LEAGUE MINISTER MATIUR RAHMAN WHO
WAS ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY, 1976. THE COURT HELD THAT
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HIS DETENTION WAS IMPROPER AS HE HAD NOT BEEN ADVISED OF
THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM. HE WAS, HOWEVER, HELD UNDER
AN ACT PASSED DURING THE MUJIB REGIME AND NOT UNDER
MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS. THE LATTER WOULD HAVE PRE-
CLUDED ANY ACTION IN A CIVIL COURT.
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